

Appendix A
Fiscal Year 2013-2014




COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

COUNTY OF: CENTRE

- A.** The County assures that services will be managed and delivered in accordance with the County Human Services Plan submitted herewith,
- B.** The County assures, in compliance with Act 80, that the Pre-Expenditure Plan submitted herewith has been developed based upon the County officials' determination of County need, formulated after an opportunity for public comment in the County.
- C.** The County and/or its providers assures that it will maintain the necessary eligibility records and other records necessary to support the expenditure reports submitted to the Department of Public Welfare.
- D.** The County hereby expressly, and as a condition precedent to the receipt of state and federal funds, assures that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1955, as amended; and 16 PA Code, Chapter 49 (Contract Compliance regulations):
1. The County does not and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or handicap in providing services or employment, or in its relationship with other providers; or in providing access to services and employment for handicapped individuals.
 2. The County will comply with all regulations promulgated to enforce the statutory provisions against discrimination.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE

<i>Signatures</i>	<i>Please Print</i>
	Date: 6/11/13
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Appendix B

Centre County Human Services Plan

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearings were conducted on Monday June 3 at 6pm at the Office of Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention - Drug & Alcohol (MH/ID EI – D&A) and Tuesday June 4th at 9am at the Willowbank Building, the county's main office building, prior to the Board of Commissioners weekly public meeting. Each department reviewed their categorical areas including mandated services, the services provided for residents, and the funding provided for services. Members of the Board of Commissioners were present at each public hearing. The public was notified of the hearing through the local newspaper, information posted on the county website, and e-mail information disseminated throughout the providers and clients. Example of public announcement is attached to the application. Nineteen individuals attended the two public hearings ranging from provider staff to county staff to individuals who receive services offered in the Block Grant. Written testimony was submitted from one provider and is attached separately to the plan. Testimony included the importance of all services, especially those that are proactive in response to individual and family's needs ranging from Children and Youth Services, medical services and housing needs. The need for drug and alcohol services to assist youth and adults struggling with addictions was also highlighted. At a previously held public meeting for the MH/ID Advisory Board in mid-May, providers and individuals receiving services also emphasized the need for continued services in Centre County to support recovery and independent living. The services discussed included those in the Block Grant and continued to show the support for a variety of services based on the individual's needs.

WAIVER

No waiver is requested at this time.

COUNTY PLANNING TEAM

Centre County Planning Team includes the following departments: Children & Youth Services, Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention - Drug & Alcohol, Office of Adult Services, Commissioners Office, Controllers Office and the residents of Centre County participating in the public hearings. Each department received input from their respective providers of Block Grant services in regards to service needs, programming, measures to be monitored, and funding. Individuals who receive services were provided the opportunity to give feedback on the services through the public hearing process. In addition, the county departments and providers of Block Grant services have a variety of program evaluations, surveys, and opportunities to discuss services throughout the fiscal year. Individual departments work directly with the providers on feedback, services, needs and funding throughout the year to scope the development of the Block Grant. Advisory Board and Board of Commissioners meetings held throughout the year that are open to the public provide the opportunity for input from the community. Community Support Program and Consumer/Family Satisfaction Teams provide consumers and family members the opportunity to provide feedback on services. Recovery-Oriented Systems Indicators (ROSI) meetings provide opportunities to provide feedback on visions and mission statements from programs and services within Centre County. Community providers have internal evaluation reports, surveys, and offer consumer feedback opportunities during and after services are completed.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Each county department is responsible for data collection based on local, state and/or federal recommendations and regulations. Data includes the number and types of services provided to an individual or family, cost of services, referrals, and/or monitoring of providers for services rendered. Each department tracks data during the fiscal year to determine costs, project growth or reduction in services, and works together with the county departments to highlight needs. Data from the following sources were included in the development of the plan:

The Home and Community Service Information System (HCSIS) - MH and ID services
Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) – Children and Youth Services
CPR 837 (internal data system for MH/ID/EI – D&A)
Provider Data Systems
Excel Data Collection

For this year's plan, billing practices from each department will be aligned to provide consistency in fiscal tracking.

List the County level measures that will be monitored by the County Planning Team in each area.

Mental Health –

Our goal is to continue to build a recovery-oriented system of care while expanding the array of services to meet a greater number of individual needs. Centre County Mental Health's goal is based on the importance of individuals being able to choose their services and supports unique to their recovery process and their desired level of independence. The envisioned outcome is that Centre County experiences no reduction in services and those individuals who utilize services continue to have choice and variety in the services options. Outcome measures will be obtained based upon service system changes and overall service referrals this coming fiscal year.

Intellectual Disability –

The goal of the local ID service system is to maintain and monitor services for eligible individuals in a cost effective manner. The Administrative Entity (AE) will use information from HCSIS to review utilization of services to maximize the use of non-waiver funding. Satisfaction will be determined through the Support Coordination Organization (SCO) survey process and Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q), with results shared with the Centre County Quality Council and incorporated into the Quality Management plan.

Drug and Alcohol Services –

- Increase the number of individuals who complete non-hospital detox and non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation successfully and reduce the number of individuals who leave against medical advice.
- Increase the number of individuals who follow through with an outpatient-level appointment after completing either non-hospital detox or non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation.
- Increase the number of individuals who utilize Recovery Support Services during the course of the year.

Homeless Assistance –

Our goal is to have 75% of all clients within the Bridge Housing, Housing Case Management and Rental Assistance program receive referrals that could increase their benefits, income, and/or resources through local, state or federal programs to improve their housing status. The outcome would be that clients receiving services present a greater chance of improving their benefits, income and/or resources through referrals provided by the service providers. This will be monitored through the implementation of a referral sheet that each service will maintain on each client. Staff can then report to the County on the number of clients served and number receiving services. Services can also be highlighted to assist in showing the needs our clients are projecting the most.

Children and Youth –

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)

In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1: to integrate FGDM into standard practice in the CYS intake process; Objective #2: to achieve successful adherence to the plan developed in Family Group conferences for those referrals involving permanency decisions; Objective #3: to increase Juvenile Probation's usage of this program.

Helping Hands Money Management Program

In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1: to assist families in not having their electric shut off; Objective #2: to aide families in maintaining their housing; Objective #3: to assist families in meeting their basic needs.

De-Clutter

In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1 tracks the number of families referred to the program a second time by CYS; Objective #2 tracks improvement on the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS), specifically in the habitability of housing domain; Objective #3 tracks the number of clients who lose subsidized housing due to home conditions within one year of services closing.

Human Services and Supports –

Our goal is to have 75% of all clients receiving Adult, Generic and Specialized services receive referrals that could increase their benefits, income and/or resources through local, state, and/or federal programs to promote greater self-sufficiency. The outcome would be that clients receiving services present a greater chance of improving their benefits, income and/or resources through referrals provided by the service providers. This will be monitored through the implementation of a referral sheet that each service will maintain on each client. Staff can then report to the County on the number of clients served and number receiving services. Services can also be highlighted to assist in showing the needs our clients are projecting the most.

HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE

Mental Health Services

Centre County Mental Health's focus is on individuals in need of Behavioral Health services. Our priority is to collaborate with individuals who utilize services, families, Board of Commissioners, MH/ID/EI Advisory Board, intellectual disability and substance abuse counterparts, provider agencies, county agencies, community supports, Community Support Programs, Community Care Behavioral Health, and our State offices to assess and prioritize existing services and to expand the continuum of services that are provided.

In Centre County, individuals can choose not only the service in which they want to participate they can choose which provider they would like to partner with as well in the continuum. Individuals have provider choice in outpatient, community-based psychiatric inpatient, community residential, psychiatric rehabilitation, peer support, Targeted Case Management, representative payee, community employment and housing support services. Individuals of all ages can access the services and supports existing in Centre County and are only restricted by age for services in which regulations are applied. Centre County will continue to encourage and assist individuals to utilize natural supports within the community.

Centre County Mental Health has effective, on-going relationships with other county agencies which enable the partnerships formed by the flexibility funds of the block grant to grow and allows all partners to maximize resources and expand services with continued use of block grant funds.

Older Adults:

- Centre County Mental Health (CCMH) and the Centre County Office of Aging align crisis and protective services when older adults are in crisis and need services and also through Project SHARE (Senior Centers and Mental Health: Activities, Resources, and Education).
- Centre County has one Personal Care Home (PCH) with fewer than sixteen beds. CCMH supports individuals residing in PCHs throughout the county by providing Targeted Case Management (TCM) services and by offering and funding community based services. CCMH provides funding supplements to five Community Hospital Integration Project Program (CHIPP), CHIPP-eligible, and individuals with a dual-diagnosis living in a local PCH. This provider has long assisted CCMH in supporting people with mental illness in a variety of settings and aspects. This partnership continues to be successful in maintaining people outside of the state hospital system.

Adults:

- CCMH generates revenue from Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH) through TCM and outpatient psychiatric services and through reinvestment funds. This is a collaboration that has been beneficial to many individuals as it enables CCMH to provide and fund a continuation of and implement new services in the county.
- Targeted Case Management services are provided cohesively by CCMH and a contracted provider. CCMH provides adult and transition-age Blended Case Management (BCM) and Resource Coordination (RC). The contracted provider serves adult, transition-age, children, and adolescent individuals. CCMH and the provider share the responsibility for the Adult BCM On-Call duties. The provider is contracted for sole responsibility of the children and adolescent on-call service. TCM services are credentialed with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). They also support individuals being discharged, released, or transitioned from state hospital, correctional facilities, RTFs, or for individuals who show a need for additional community support.
- CCMH has five contracted psychiatrists - four that treat transition-age individuals, adults, and older adults and one that treats children, adolescents, and transition-age youth. The psychiatrists are able to serve individuals with co-occurring and dual-diagnosed needs. All psychiatrists

calculate a person's Body Mass Index (BMI) and obtain a blood pressure reading at each appointment to monitor medication side effects and evaluate a person's overall well-being. One of the adult psychiatrists is not renewing her contract with CCMH next fiscal year.

- Community Employment is provided and supported in a variety of ways in Centre County. CCMH supports a Transitional Employment Placement (TEP) at the Centre County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention-Drug and Alcohol Office and the Willowbank Café. Supported Employment (SE) is also supported at the café. TEP, SE, and competitive employment in the community are supported through job coaching, psychiatric rehabilitation, case management, and Community Residential Rehabilitation services. Centre County Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Employment Committees have joined efforts to promote employment opportunities and outcomes for youth, transition-age, and adult individuals. CCMH will continue to fund and expand consumer-run programs in the community as funding options permit.
- Community Residential Services are provided by county contract and licensed by OMHSAS. CCMH has three Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) sites operated by two distinct providers. All sites provide rehabilitative skill building services. These services are highly utilized by CCMH for individuals being discharged, released, or diverted from state hospital, correctional facilities, Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), or when individuals living in the community are identified to have a greater living or mental health support need. Centre County Housing Authority continues to support the application of housing vouchers to the CRR programs which support individual transitions.
- The "Mental Health Services in Centre County" resource book was updated last year in collaboration with the Community Support Program, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and county representatives. It provides information for individuals on how to access services and educate the public on mental health disorders and the service delivery system. Five-thousand copies of this book have been disseminated this past year. [LINK to Aging and Disability Resources](#) funds are covering printing costs to obtain an additional 5,000 books.
- In partnership with Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Juniata County Mental Health the Seven Mountains Warm Line continues to operate under reinvestment funds received by CCBH and approved by OMHSAS.
- In partnership with Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Juniata County Mental Health a Mental Health Association is being formed with reinvestment funds received through CCBH and OMHSAS.
- Crisis Delegate services are provided to the Rockview State Correctional Institution and will be made available to the new State Correctional Institution, Benner, if requested.
- In partnership with the Centre County Housing Authority (HA), CCMH supports individuals with disabilities and those that are homeless with Shelter+Care and Section 8 Vouchers.
- CCMH supports a Special Needs Housing Coordinator located in the HA Office with funding support of reinvestment dollars from CCBH and OMHSAS. With support of the Housing Coordinator, Centre County continues to develop relationships with local landlords and realty agencies to bring focus to the need for affordable, accessible, and permanent housing options for individuals with disabilities.
- Reinvestment dollars provide Housing Contingency funds for individual use of housing needs.
- CCMH funds DeClutter services which help individuals clean and organize their home.
- CCMH funds Rep Payee services which assist individuals with permanent housing by assuring timely payments of rent and utilities.
- CCMH funds support a Fairweather Lodge program and three Supported Living (SL) sites as well. These programs support individuals in their choice of permanent housing. SL sites continue to support individuals with a state hospital history.
- CCMH continues to be an active member of the Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition.
- Peer Support is offered in Centre County through two providers who currently employ a total of five Certified Peer Specialists currently. The local Fairweather Lodge utilizes this service as their business. CCMH funds this service for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible. Reinvestment funds are being utilized for Forensic Peer Support services.
- Mt. View HUB Drop-In Center located in the central part of the county supports individual needs of transition and adult ages with primary mental health, but including co-occurring and dual-diagnosed disabilities.

- Psychiatric Rehabilitation is provided through site-based and mobile programs in Centre County. There is an International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) accredited clubhouse, a site-based psychiatric rehabilitation program in a central part of the county, and a site-based psychiatric rehabilitation program in an outlying and service-limited area of the county, all of which are licensed by OMHSAS in addition to having approval for a mobile complement. These services were initially supported with CHIPP funds and have further been supported with reinvestment, CCBH, and county base funds. All psychiatric rehabilitation services support people's living, learning, working, socializing, and wellness goals. These programs are instrumental in supporting individual transitions and diversions from state hospital, correctional facilities, RTFs, and CRRs.
- CCMH participated in the initial Recovery Learning Collaborative offered through CCBH to educate staff and individuals who utilize services on recovery tools and wellness tools.
- Supported the formation of the Central PA Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and CCMH supervisory staff serves at the Board of Directors Co-Chair. AFSP is the leading national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reaching out to people with mental health disorders and those impacted by suicide. While based in Centre County, the Chapter has opened up collaborative opportunities as the territory includes Potter, Tioga, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Columbia, Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Clearfield, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton counties. The Central PA Chapter of AFSP has held seven successful Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walks raising over \$100,000 spanning those years. Money is spent locally on education, outreach, prevention and survivors of suicide loss supportive activities.

Transition-Age Youth:

- CCMH maintains a Transition-Age Administrative Case Management position that supports individuals starting at the age of 16 to help transition them into the adult mental health system.
- The Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) Coordinator supervises our Transition-Age Mental Health Case Manager who works with individuals ages 16-26.
- The CASSP Coordinator and transition-age case manager collaborate with our local Community Support Program (CSP) as well as Central Region CSP and monthly Recovery-Oriented Systems Indicators (ROSI) meetings.
- There are currently fourteen transition-age individuals incarcerated in the Centre County Correctional Facility.

Children:

- For school year 2011-2012 there were a total of eighty-six Student Assessment Program (SAP) Assessments completed. In the current school year there have been seventy Assessments completed. There are monthly District Council meetings that the CASSP Coordinator attends in partnership with our Drug and Alcohol Assistant Administrator, the Central Intermediate Unit #10 Representative, a State SAP Representative, school personnel and others who provide consultation and programs in the schools.
- CCMH has provided Respite services to nine adolescents this fiscal year. Of those, three are new to this service. Respite has helped keep these children in their homes and out of an inpatient setting as it provides support to the individual and their family.
- Partial Hospitalization is provided solely at a children, adolescent, and transition-age level in Centre County. Partial hospitalization is offered either in conjunction with a school district with education base funding or through a free standing community provider with CCBH. CCMH does not fund this service directly.
- CASSP allows for a multi-systemic approach to identifying the best possible supports and services to assist families in not only identifying the mental health supports they need, but also spiritual, physical, and social needs for the family in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Bi-weekly CASSP meetings bring together various community partners including, Centre County Children and Youth Services, Centre County Juvenile Probation Office, Penn State University's Psychological Clinic, Family Based Mental Health providers, Community Care Behavioral Health,

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services providers, outpatient providers, school district personnel, and other interested parties. Meetings are held as a preventative measure and help divert children and adolescents from possible inpatient stays as well as alternatives to Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) placement. Centre County has a low RTF utilization rate of 2.0%. We also have a 12.9% recidivism rate for 30 day re-admissions for children and adolescents.

- The CASSP Coordinator is involved with bi-weekly CASSP Meetings, bi-monthly CASSP Advisory Board Meetings, monthly Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) meetings that bridge Early Intervention and children's mental health services, Community Care Behavioral Health's Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) quarterly meetings, and quarterly Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania (BHARP) meetings for Children's Workgroup and Early Childhood Mental Health Subcommittee meeting.
- The CASSP Coordinator has been involved in a three year grant funded program called SUMMIT with the State College School District that helps link students with mental health services either in the school or community setting. This project has helped to increase mental health education and supports in the school system.

Special/Underserved Populations:

- Centre County Mental Health uses the array of services to support individuals transitioning out of Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS), Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), jail, and state hospitals. Referrals into these facilities are also diverted by utilizing the same services. Individuals are provided information on all of the services for which they have access to and are encouraged to choose what works to support them in their transitions.
- Since October of 2006, CCMH has remained below or at their bed cap of nine at Danville State Hospital (DSH). According to data received from 2011 OMHSAS County Behavioral Health Data Profiles, Centre County holds a State Mental Hospital (SMH) Utilization rate of 0.08 and a SMH Length of Stay Under 2 years rate of 70.0%. There are seven individuals currently inpatient at DSH that call Centre County home and there have been three diversions from the state hospital this fiscal year. It is common practice for CCMH to look at diversions from state hospital. Diversion services and supports are designed according to individual need and include the use of CRR, TCM, outpatient, psychiatric rehabilitation, and peer support services. Transitions from the state hospital focus on the person's Community Support Plan (CSP) document that identifies the community service and support needs of an individual upon and beyond discharge.
- CCMH is partnering with BHARP counties and the BHAU in the request for CHIPP funds being offered by OMHSAS.
- The CASSP Coordinator works closely with our Intellectual Disability and Drug and Alcohol partners for children and adolescents who also require mental health services.
- Due to the main campus of The Pennsylvania State University being located in Centre County, CCMH interacts with the student population routinely, with all services.
- CCMH provides continuity and collaboration with the forensic population by supplying an Administrative Case Manager on-site at the Centre County Correctional Facility a half of a work day Monday through Friday.
- CCMH contracts with a provider who renders individual therapy services to individuals who are incarcerated at the Centre County Correctional Facility. Currently, there are forty-seven individuals who are active with CCMH and are incarcerated. This service is provided with county funds as incarcerated individuals are ineligible for medical assistance funds.
- Centre County is fortunate to have a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which continues to train township and borough police, university police, county correctional officers, crisis staff, sheriff staff, 911 staff, ambulance services staff, NAMI, and mental health professionals. The training provides officers and staff with extensive information on mental illness, symptoms, recovery, medications, local resources, and de-escalation skills that can assist a person experiencing a crisis. The CIT works in collaboration with crisis intervention services and has been successful in diverting individuals with mental illness from being incarcerated.

Recovery-Oriented Systems Transformation:

- CCMH's TCM Program has been selected to become a member of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Learning Collaborative with CCBH and overall support of the Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania (BHARP) and the Behavioral Health Administrative Unit (BHAU). CCMH has been selected to partner in this grant under the patient self-directed care model to promote the health, wellness, and recovery of adults with serious mental illness who have or are at risk for chronic medical conditions. Physical health baseline, on-going, and outcome data will be provided routinely by the individual engaged in this research, TCMs, and CCBH. This grant opportunity will be operational for three years. CCMH will not apply funds to this collaborative per the grant, but will be reimbursed for data entry activities.
- Centre County is in the process of submitting an application for The Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE) grant currently being offered through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. CCMH and Centre County Intellectual Disabilities propose to use these funds similarly to the utilization of Housing Contingency and HPRP funds that are being depleted through reinvestment. Since Centre County is one of the highest housing cost areas in the commonwealth housing is a priority and necessary in systems transformation and for individuals working their personal recovery. If awarded this grant, it will be in effect for twelve months. Tracking would be based upon the number of individuals referred for the program and individual's income as it relates to area median income.

Intellectual Disability Services

- Centre County MH/ID/EI-D&A currently uses base monies to fund the following continuum of services including:

- ☐ Unlicensed Home and Community Habilitation
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Prevocational Services
- ☐ Behavioral Support Services
- ☐ Employment Services
- ☐ Community Habilitation
- ☐ Residential Services (licensed)
- ☐ Licensed Day Habilitation for Older Adults
- ☐ Respite
- ☐ Homemaker/Chore
- ☐ Home Accessibility Adaptations

- Family Driven monies are used for:

- ☐ Family Aide
- ☐ Family Support Services/Individual Payment
- ☐ Recreation/Leisure
- ☐ Home Rehabilitation
- ☐ Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 12-13	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 13-14
Supported Employment	22	30
Prevocational Services	11	11
Adult Training Facility	9	9
Base Funded Supports Coordination	184	194
Residential (6400)	2	2
Lifesharing (6500)	0	0
PDS/AWC	1	1
PDS/VF	0	0
Family Driven Family Support Services	31	40
Behavioral Support Services	4	4
Home and Community Hab	8	8

- Centre County MH/ID/EI-D&A participates in the Employment Coalition which dovetails with the local transition council. The membership consists of representatives from Administrative Entity (AE), school districts (including the IU), Careerlink, OVR, local service providers, Supports Coordination Organization, Penn State University Project O.N.E. and family members. Each spring, the group hosts a Provider Night for individuals and families new to services and has developed transition information for dissemination. There are currently 2 local agencies that provide Employment Services. The local agency that provides prevocational services has a community component to promote volunteerism, civic responsibility and community awareness. Centre County continues to receive Employment Pilot funding. This funding continues to be used to support the individuals not in either waiver who fall within the pilot guidelines.
- Centre County MH/ID/EI-D&A currently has 1 individual residing in a state center and no one residing in a state hospital. We are not currently involved in either the Benjamin or Jimmy litigation. The AE and SCO work with other stakeholders (MCO, Education system, RTF staff, CYS, ODP, etc.) when transitioning young adults from facility settings to the community. This includes regular participation in team meetings, community placement search/referrals, liaison to Central Region ODP, updating the ISP as needed and management of waiver capacity. In this past fiscal year, base monies were used for reimbursement for a temporary placement at a facility until the community provider and resources were available.
- Centre County MH/ID/EI-D&A currently has 2 Lifesharing programs. However, there is very active Lifesharing Coalition made up of representatives from the AE, SCO and local providers. They meet quarterly and have a strategic plan that is reviewed annually. A representative from the AE regularly participates in Lifesharing activities at both the regional and state level. Past activities include newspaper articles, flyers, presentations to civic organizations, mailings to churches, participation in local fairs and events, and media campaigns (print, radio and television). Centre County continues to actively work with various stakeholders to promote and expand Lifesharing as a residential option.
- Centre County AE and SCO regularly participate in local trainings and meetings to gain knowledge of other service systems/resources. In the past we have provided training to providers and other offices on the ID system including Incident and Risk Management. The AE has collaborated twice in the past year with the local Aging Office to follow up on Adult Protective Services (APS) concerns. The AE and SCO work with other stakeholders (MCO, Education system, RTF staff, CYS, ODP, etc.) when transitioning young adults from facility settings to the community.
- The AE and SCO collaborate with other county agencies and community resources when responding to an individual in need of emergency supports. In the past the AE and SCO have worked with the MH system, Housing Authority, local shelters, local rep payee service, Adult Services, Local Aging Office, personal care homes, CYS and various other service providers to meet the needs of individuals.
- Centre County MH/ID/EI-D&A will continue to monitor the requirements of the Administrative Entity (AE) Operating Agreement through the existing practices established by the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP): Administrative Entity Oversight Monitoring Process (AEOMP), AE Annual Assessment and the remediation process. AE Operating Agreement duties assigned to the Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) will be monitored in accordance the AE/SCO agreement and reported to ODP per their guidelines. The AE meets monthly to review the status of base funded services and contracts as well as regularly monitoring utilization of services via HCSIS, reviewing and adjusting for unused units. Utilization is also reviewed and the frequency and duration is adjusted during the ISP Fiscal Year Renewal process.

Homeless Assistance

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 12-13	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 13-14
Bridge Housing	22	24
Case Management	838	1120
Rental Assistance	385	385
Emergency Shelter	0	0
Other Housing Supports	0	0

Bridge Housing

- Bridge Housing allows homeless residents and families the opportunity to live in an apartment while working on their goals toward interdependence living over a twelve to eighteen month period.
- Centre County currently has five Bridge Housing units, two with one provider and three with the domestic violence provider. The providers maintain the leases on four of the five units in the county. The tenant based rental unit has proved successful for clients looking to establish credit, landlord references, etc. The domestic violence provider offers the tenant based rental unit.

Case Management

- Housing Case management is the keystone service for residents in Centre County seeking affordable housing.
- Housing Case management provides support, resources, budgeting skills, and advocacy for our residents. Housing Case management works with the homeless shelters, Housing Authority of Centre County, human service agencies, developers, landlords, county agencies, and faith based organizations all for the need to find housing.
- Housing Case management has two elements, client based services and information and referral. Residents seeking client based services meet with the case manager, establish goals, budget, needs, etc. and actively work with the case manager on finding housing. Information and referral allows residents simply seeking rental information to contact the case worker and receive up to date listings of units located throughout Centre County.
- Housing Case Management maintains a Housing Resource Guide available to residents, human service agencies, businesses, etc. to assist in finding affordable housing.
- Our county continues to struggle with the availability of affordable housing with two recent mobile home park closures. The services of Housing Case Management have been instrumental in assisting residents in finding safe, accessible, and affordable housing. Housing Transitions, Inc. is the provider for Housing case Management services.

Rental Assistance

- Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program (RAP) provides rental or mortgage assistance to homeless or near homeless eligible residents in Centre County. RAP referrals come from human service agencies across the county and the provider completes the necessary intake paperwork and works with the landlords and/or mortgage companies to provide the assistance. The provider can meet with residents at various locations throughout the county to assist with transportation costs and concerns.
- Interfaith Human Services is the provider for RAP services.

Emergency Shelter

- No funding is provided for this service.
- Centre County has three homeless shelters: Centre House which provides for men, women and children;
- Centre County Women's Resource Center for women and children fleeing from domestic violence;
- Centre County Youth Service Bureau which provides for voluntary shelter for both males and females ages 12 through 18.

Other Housing Supports

- Due to budgetary constraints, this service is not available in Centre County.

Describe the current status of the county's HMIS implementation.

- Centre County provides the required data entry into the HMIS for programs receiving funding through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with coordination of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).
- Providers of services that include supportive housing, SSO services, and Shelter Plus Care Programs have participated in the HMIS program.
- Providers involved with the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re Housing Stimulus Program (HPRP) also provided the necessary data entry into HMIS.

Children and Youth

Two major challenges for Centre County residents are high housing costs and high child care costs. Due to the cost of living in Centre County, the population served by the agency is often forced to reside in more rural areas with less access to community resources. In terms of successes, despite the challenging economic climate, the agency has been able to consistently maintain a high level of in-home services to Centre County families. These in-home services are instrumental in preventing out-of-home placements and assuring safety of children. The ability to provide these services prior to placement can be viewed as a success and a challenge. It is a success because of placement prevention and children can safely remain in the home. The challenge becomes evident should placement become necessary as most non-emergency placements occur only after services have been exhausted presenting a challenge to reunification services often resulting in a lengthier time to permanency.

Housing

Helping Hands Money Management Program provides families with help budgeting, bill management and can act as a representative payee. In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1: to assist families in not having their electric shut off; Objective #2: to aide families in maintaining their housing; Objective #3: to assist families in meeting their basic needs.

	1213	1314
Target Population		
# of Referrals	12	12
# Successfully completing program	12	12
Cost per year	3,200	3,200
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	32.00	32.00
# of MA referrals	0	0
# of Non MA referrals	12	12
Name of provider	Inter-Faith Mission	Inter-Faith Mission

De-Clutter provides families with help organizing/cleaning their home. The program engages other family members to help improve the home conditions. In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1 tracks the number of families referred to the program a second time by CYS; Objective #2 tracks improvement on the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS), specifically in the habitability of housing domain; Objective #3 tracks the number of clients who lose subsidized housing due to home conditions within one year of services closing.

	1213	1314
Target Population	CYS clients	CYS clients
# of Referrals	28	28
# Successfully completing program	28	28
Cost per year	\$31,000	\$31,000
Per Diem Cost/Program	\$49.44	\$50.43

funded amount		
# of MA referrals	0	0
# of Non MA referrals	28	28
Name of provider	Youth Service Bureau	Youth Service Bureau

Evidence Based Programs

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is a family-centered practice that utilizes family input within a structured process guided by professionals to create a plan that is unique to every family. Family is loosely defined and can include anyone who the family identifies as a support to them. Currently in Centre County, we use also use FGDM as a way to develop transition plans for our youth aging out of the CYS system. In an effort to track the effectiveness of the program we track three outcomes: Objective #1: to integrate FGDM into standard practice in the CYS intake process; Objective #2: to achieve successful adherence to the plan developed in Family Group conferences for those referrals involving permanency decisions; Objective #3: to increase Juvenile Probation's usage of this program.

	1213	1314
Target Population		
# of Referrals	100	115
# Successfully completing program	63	72
Cost per year	185,556	185,556
Per Diem Cost/Program funded amount	N/A	N/A
# of MA referrals	0	0
# of Non MA referrals	100	115
Name of provider	Youth Service Bureau	Youth Service Bureau

Drug and Alcohol Services

Access to Services

Administrative Case Managers are responsible for completing assessments for both adult and adolescent clients who are requesting medically monitored detoxification and rehabilitation, medically managed detoxification and rehabilitation, halfway house and partial hospitalization. Referrals for assessment for these services can come through any number of sources, including directly from the client, drug and alcohol outpatient providers, the criminal justice system, Children and Youth Services, or schools. Every effort is made to assess clients within 48 hours of referral.

All clients who are self-referred and requesting outpatient services are given the names, phone numbers and addresses of the SCA's three contracted outpatient providers. The client may then choose an agency and call to schedule an appointment.

The majority of Probation Department referrals are handled through the Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) Program. This program provides assessment, referral and administrative case management for clients involved in the criminal justice system. TASC services are provided on staff by the TASC case management staff, which assesses client need through use of the approved assessment tool and the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC). Clients appropriate for outpatient treatment are referred directly to one of the three contracted providers, as selected by the client and TASC case manager. The client is responsible for making contact with this outpatient provider within 10 days of their assessment. Clients in need of inpatient residential treatment are referred back to their referral source. If inpatient treatment is part of their sentencing or probationary requirements, arrangements and payment may be handled by the criminal justice system.

Centre County Drug and Alcohol also offers case coordination services. This program offers case management support to individuals who have ancillary non-treatment needs that have a direct impact on their ability to maintain their recovery. Individuals can self-refer for this service or be referred by a provider, probation/parole, administrative case management or other human service agency.

Waiting List Issues

Due to limited funding, Centre County is currently offering detoxification followed by 14 days of rehabilitation as an inpatient course of treatment for all individuals seeking this level of care.

Halfway house services are being offered only on a case-by-case basis.

There is currently no waiting list for treatment services at the outpatient level of care. Clients who have insurance are required to pursue services at a provider who accepts their coverage.

There is currently a waiting list for intensive case management services, which is a more intensive level of case coordination. Centre County Drug and Alcohol collaborates with its partners in mental health and with Recovery Support Services at Crossroads in order to refer individuals to additional resources that will meet their needs, rather than wait for this particular service.

Coordination Within the County Human Services System to Support Special Populations (justice-involved, veterans, minorities, etc.)

Centre County Drug and Alcohol offers preferential access to services for pregnant women who have substance use/abuse disorders. Case management staff work closely with the referring agency and other resources to assure that the treatment and non-treatment needs of the client are being met. Centre County has also identified treatment providers who offer targeted service to this particular population.

Centre County also prioritizes services to adolescents and injection drug using individuals. All outpatient providers and select inpatient providers offer services to these populations. Again, case management

staff work closely with the referring agency and other resources to assure that the treatment and non-treatment needs of the client are being met.

Centre County also works very closely with the Probation/Parole Department to conduct level of care assessments and offer treatment recommendations for individuals who are seeking consideration for an intermediate punishment sentence. These numbers have increased dramatically in the last 6 months due to referrals now coming for those first time DUI offenders with high blood alcohol levels, who are not eligible for ARD sentencing. This process also assures that individuals who have substance abuse-related charges are referred for the services that will address what could be the underlying cause of their current situation.

Local Emerging Substance Abuse Trends that will Impact the Current Services

- Use of heroin has been increasing in Centre County. Clients report this is due in part to an increase the cost of prescription drugs. Heroin is cheaper and easier to get.
- Pennsylvania Youth Survey data and anecdotal report from State College and University Police indicates an increase in marijuana use – by Penn State students and State College adolescents.
- Centre County has seen increased demand for inpatient treatment. In past years, when the SCA has had to reduce the number of authorized days, demand for this level of care has decreased. This has not been the case this past year.
- Centre County has seen increased demand for level of care assessments for individuals coming through the criminal justice system. This is due in part to the number of individuals who are not eligible for ARD sentencing and are looking at sentencing options other than incarceration.

Identified Populations:

- **Older Adults (ages 60 and above)**
- **Adults (ages 18 to 55)**
- **Transition-Age Youth (ages 18 through 26)**
- **Individuals with Co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders**

Outpatient and inpatient treatment services are both available to the above populations, based on the recommendations from the SCA/provider assessment and PCPC level of care. BHSI funding under this plan would be utilized for outpatient treatment services to this population. Act 152 funding under this plan would be utilized for inpatient treatment, for those days of treatment authorized prior to the individual securing Medical Assistance eligibility.

- **Adolescents (under 18)**

Outpatient and inpatient treatment services are both available to the above population, based on the recommendations from the SCA/provider assessment and PCPC level of care. Act 152 funding under this plan would be utilized for inpatient treatment, for those days of treatment authorized prior to the adolescent securing Medical Assistance eligibility.

- **Recovery-Oriented Services**

At this time, Centre County has recovery support services available to adults with substance use/abuse disorders. This would include case coordination and/or a referral to meet with the certified recovery specialist (CRS). Participation in treatment is not required to access these services. A portion of BHSI funding available under this plan is used to fund case management services to all individuals with substance use/abuse disorders who seek services of this office.

Human Services and Supports/ Human Services Development Fund

Centre County Office of Adult Services has implemented the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) and its services for many years. The department contracts the majority of all services to our providers throughout Centre County to best serve the needs of the residents. The coordination of services, service planning, the comprehensive review of each resident's needs, and the overall partnerships, public and privately, that we have established over time highlight the positive impact these services have on our community.

	Estimated / Actual Individuals served in FY 12-13	Projected Individuals to be served in FY 13-14
Adult Services	70	93
Aging Services	0	0
Generic Services	0	0
Specialized Services	647	796

Adult Services

- Centre County implements two Adult Services into our continuum of services: Service Planning, and Homemaker. With the implementation of the Adult Protective Services Act, the Office of Adult Services will no longer have Protective Services funding. In addition, due to the closure of the Provide a Ride Program, Centre County will no longer provide Transportation Services at this time. We continue to work with agencies in regards to transportation needs. For all of our programs, we assist individuals at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Service Planning is a vital service within HSS services. This position is contracted through our provider that also is the Housing Case Management and one of the Bridge Housing providers. The overlap of service coordination and needs is evident when working with the staff.
- The Service Planning case manager meets with residents in the community between the ages of 18-59 who have a variety of needs based on their health, income, family dynamic, and other factors. These residents are often not linked to other county offices such as Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities or Veteran's Affairs. The case manager does a comprehensive review of their needs and can determine if they need to apply for benefits, eligibility for homemaker services or waiver services, basic care referrals, and a myriad of other needs. The case manager then links the client to the respective services in our community and continues follow up with the clients until the problem is resolved or on-going management is needed.
- Homemaker services provide the non-medical personal care needs and basic care for residents over 18 years of age. This provides a necessary service for those in medically compromising situations and provides relief to many who have no support from family or friends to assist with their needs.
- Our Service Planning case manager assesses the needs of each client to determine their need for homemaker services, the amount of hours they are eligible for, and the longevity of the service that it will be needed for.
- Centre County has two Homemaker providers working throughout the county so each client has a choice in their provider. Centre County recently released a Request for Bid for this service for a five year contract that will begin July 1, 2013. This allows our clients to have a choice in provider and have a longer term relationship with them if needed.

Specialized Services

- Centre County has focused on the needs of residents in reaching out for help during a crisis and often feeling like they have nowhere to turn. Centre County has created two distinct Specialized Services to address this need.
- Basic Needs Case Management is a service provided to residents looking for assistance in maintaining their basic needs, such as a home, food, energy assistance, child care, transportation, medical needs, etc. Centre County has two providers for the program, one being at a community help center and another at a medical care center.
 - The case worker meets with the residents and assesses their needs and works on a goal plan. These goals often have to do with maintaining a job, maintaining schooling, maintaining a home, and/or maintaining a family. Our case worker then collaborates with the client and the resources in the community to resolve the issue. The case worker completes the intake and releases and works with county case workers, faith based organizations and human service agencies to collaborate on resolving the issues. The case worker will advocate with landlords, employers, etc. to find assistance and/or accommodations for their needs.
 - The case worker refers the clients to mainstream resources including Medical Assistance, Social Security, and other benefits including food pantries. If financial assistance is needed, the case worker works with to advocate on their behalf to receive financial assistance and the client has to contribute towards resolving the issue as well.
 - Through the course of the case managers' work, the financial contributions by local resources can exceed the cost for this program received by the Department of Public Welfare. For fiscal year 2012 – 2013, \$37,100 was raised on behalf of Basic Needs Clients through faith based organizations, human service agencies, and donations to resolve their crises.
 - Community Help Centre and Centre Volunteers in Medicine are the providers for the basic needs program.
- Financial Care Money Management Program is an innovative service provided to residents in Centre County. Financial Care Coordinators meet with residents struggling to maintain their finances, pay their bills, and stabilize their household.
- Many residents have limited budgeting skills and fall on difficult times. Some clients have mental health or intellectual disabilities that limit their understanding of budgeting needs. Some clients have never had the responsibility before but due to deaths or relationship changes, are now responsible for the budget.
- The Financial Care Coordinators meet with the clients, review their income, bills, and living situation, and develop a plan with the client to improve their situation.
- The contract includes funding from Children and Youth Services, Adult Services, and Office of Aging. Interfaith Human Services is the provider.

Interagency Coordination

- Interagency Coordination is conducted through the Office of Adult Services. Staff is available to handle client calls to refer them to properly needed services to match their needs. Staff is actively involved in the community and residents to assess the needs.
- All providers of Human Services and Supports meet monthly with Office of Adult Services and/or a provider to monitor the program; client's needs, and discuss issues within the services.

- Staff sits on a variety of committees including the Centre County Council of Human Services, Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition, Centre County Partnership for Community Health, Centre County Community Safety Net, and Centre County Crisis Intervention Team. These collaborations are vital for the coordination of not only state funded programs but the link to private partnerships such as faith based organizations, United Way, and local leaders. Training is provided through collaborations such as the Centre County Council of Human Services.
- Centre County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a law enforcement, criminal justice training curriculum to assist in handling crisis situations with reduced harm to officers, residents, and linking the person to resources in the county to address the crisis. Providers of Human Services and Supports actively participant in the CIT training and the Office of Adult Services maintains a leadership role within the Steering Committee.

**APPENDIX C
HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROPOSED BUDGET AND SERVICE RECIPIENTS**

<i>County:</i>	ESTIMATED CLIENTS	HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE AND FEDERAL)	HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE AND FEDERAL)	NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	COUNTY MATCH	OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES						
ACT and CTT						
Administrator's Office	0		409,212		20,338	
Administrative Management	1,329		549,522		27,311	
Adult Developmental Training						
Children's Evidence Based Practices						
Children's Psychosocial Rehab						
Community Employment	14		35,004		1,740	
Community Residential Services	45		1,091,147		54,230	
Community Services	18		44,069		2,190	
Consumer Driven Services	593		55,000		2,734	
Crisis Intervention	9,030		199,974		9,939	
Emergency Services	247		168,705		8,385	
Facility Based Vocational Rehab	12		41,332		2,054	
Family Based Services	9		45,336		2,253	
Family Support Services	6		4,456		221	
Housing Support	88		328,418	75,000	16,322	
Other						
Outpatient	924		179,630	20,000	8,928	
Partial Hospitalization						
Peer Support	15		15,000		746	
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization	2		6,544		325	
Psychiatric Rehabilitation	77		120,213		5,975	
Social Rehab Services						
Targeted Case Management	186		363,398		18,061	
Transitional and Community Integration						
TOTAL MH SERVICES	12,595	3,656,960	3,656,960	95,000	181,752	

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Admin Office	0		393,000		19,532	
Case Management	194		75,850		3,770	
Community Residential Services	2		214,000		10,636	
Community Based Services	62		378,000		18,787	
Other	41		50,942		2,531	
TOTAL ID SERVICES	299	1,111,792	1,111,792	0	55,256	0

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Bridge Housing	24		147,929		7,352	
Case Management	1,120		46,598		2,316	
Rental Assistance	385		123,622		6,144	
Emergency Shelter	0		0			
Other Housing Supports	0		0			
TOTAL HAP SERVICES	1,529	318,149	318,149	0	15,812	0

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Evidence Based Services	90	176,278	176,278	0	8,761	0
Promising Practice						
Alternatives to Truancy						
Housing	32	29,070	29,070	0	1,445	0
TOTAL C & Y SERVICES	122	205,348	205,348	0	10,206	0

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

Inpatient non hospital	38		101,858		5,062	
Inpatient Hospital						
Partial Hospitalization						
Outpatient/OP	125		49,839		2,477	
Medication Assisted Therapy						
Recovery Support Services	150		2,769		138	
Prevention						
TOTAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES	313	154,466	154,466	0	7,677	0

HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Adult Services	93		36,529		1,815	
Aging Services	0					
Generic Services	0					
Specialized Services	796		39,555		1,966	
Interagency Coordination	5		1,429		71	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS	894	77,513	77,513	0	3,852	0

COUNTY BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION		0	60,620.40		3012	
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GRAND TOTAL	15,752	5,524,228	\$5,584,848	95,000	277,567	0
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June 3, 2013

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Ms. Arbogast:


This letter is in reference to advocacy for drug and alcohol funding. As you know, we continue to face challenges in meeting the needs of the individuals we serve and ensuring we can meet their needs with continued cuts in funding. Drug and alcohol services continue to face issues associated with discrimination, support, and overall awareness within the community. We urge the commissioners to consider these obstacles when deciding upon allocation of funds through the county. During the fiscal year 2012-2013, we provided outpatient services to 292 individuals who were in need of assistance with funding to provide needed drug and alcohol counseling. This shows a need with regard to allotting funds to these services. As an agency, we are committed to providing cost-effective services that meet the needs of individuals in our community but that has become more challenging as the needs of the community have continued to increase.

We recognize the Commissioners have many difficult decisions to make when balancing the budget and funds available in order to best meet the needs of the entire county, we just ask that drug and alcohol be heavily considered during this decision making process.

In summary, I would like to offer one individual's story who reached out to the county in a time of need and this made the difference for this individual. This individual struggled to ask for help, struggled to rely on others and by way of a friend, came to discover Centre County Drug and Alcohol and the services that they offer. Following his treatment he has remained sober for a period of over one year. He is working a successful. If it were not for agencies like Centre County Drug and Alcohol, it is likely this individual would still be battling active addiction.

Each and every one of us knows someone who faces these very same challenges. When making your budgetary decisions, we ask this be considered and each commissioner take a moment to reflect upon one person who has benefited from such funding.

Thank you for your time.



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Centre County will hold two public hearings to solicit input for the Centre County Human Services Block Grant Plan.

The first hearing will be held on Monday June 3, 2013 in the Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention/Drug & Alcohol Office conference room located at 3500 East College Avenue, Suite 1200, State College, PA 16801. The Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The second hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. preceding the Tuesday June 4, 2013 Commissioner's Meeting at 420 Holmes Street, Room 146 of the Willowbank Building.

The purpose of these hearings is to solicit input for the best use of flexible funding options in seven categories between the Mental Health/ID, EI, D&A, Children and Youth Services, and the Office of Adult Services. Information specific to each program will be posted on the county's website by the close of business on Thursday May 30th, 2013.

For information contact Tim Boyde at 814-355-6700 or tboyde@centrecountypa.gov

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